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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT  
TO THE MIDDLE EAST

1. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Wednesday morning included a report speculating that the government-sponsored new antiterrorism bill will be enacted by this weekend.

2. "President Bush to Visit Middle East Today" The conservative Sankei's report from Cairo stated (1/9): "President Bush will visit Israel today for the first time since taking office as the start of an eight-day tour of the region. The President, who appears eager to make this trip a step toward diplomatic progress in the region, including Palestinian peace, before his term ends next year, is expected to urge both the Israelis and Palestinians to move forward their peace negotiations. In the face of the confrontation on Sunday between American and Iranian vessels in the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf, the President will likely stress to Gulf nations, including Saudi Arabia, the threat posed by Iran, which is allegedly pursuing nuclear weapons. President Bush will also likely seek those nations' support for the U.S. policy of viewing Tehran as an enemy."

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